

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Specification page 9, and continuing onto Specification page 10 with the following replacement paragraph:

— As illustrated in further detail in Fig. 2A, the enclosed fuel cell system 2 has a covering enclosure 40 that generally conforms to the outer surface of the fuel cell system components. In accordance with the method of the present invention, the fuel cell system is covered with an enclosure that is substantially comprised of one or more layers of a material that is a robust plastic film that is shrunk (as by heating in the case of a heat sensitive material), such as a shrink-wrap, or other similar material, so that it tightly fits the fuel cell system components. The resulting enclosure is lightweight and conforms substantially to the exterior body of the fuel cell system so that it adds little or no bulk to the fuel cell system. The material may be selected from the group consisting of Teflon® (tetrafluoroethylene), PVC (polyvinylchloride), and polyolefins, although other materials may also be employed while remaining within the scope of the present invention. —